Editorial

Jack D. Gaskill, Editor

Four Down—One and a Half to Go

In my editorial entitled "Three Down—Two to Go," which appeared in the June 1988 issue of *Optical Engineering*, I announced that I would step down as Editor after two more years. Now, one year later, I still have a year and a half to go. Where did the extra half year come from? The answer is simple; my sentence was extended an additional six months as punishment for some poor editorial writing. (Actually, I was asked to stay on for six months to help ease the transition for my successor, who shall remain unnamed for the time being.)

Two years ago I reported that the circulation of *Optical Engineering* had grown from 6300 in May 1983 to 9950 in May 1987, an increase of 58%. The circulation has now reached 12,015, which represents an additional increase of 21%. Thus, since May 1983, the journal has experienced an average circulation growth of 8.4% per year. Even though the average rate of growth has fallen a bit during the past two years, it would appear that the circulation will certainly exceed 20,000 copies by the year 2,000, and possibly even reach 30,000. I realize that making such predictions can be a bit risky, but I don't feel that these numbers are completely unrealistic. If the annual growth rate of 8.4% were to continue until the year 2000, the circulation would rise to over 29,000; to reach 20,000 at that time, an annual growth rate of only 4.8% would be required.

Once again I grow apprehensive as that fateful day of May 31st approaches; however, since nothing happened on that day either last year or the previous year, it may be that I am concerned about nothing. Only time will tell. (If you don't know what I am referring to and have nothing better to do, consult my editorial in the May 1988 issue.)

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